



Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

Three beautiful gifts were dedicated at our recent Easter Sunday services: a Paschal candle, given by the Altar Guild; a book of Gospel readings, given in memory of Gale Cragg; and a Communion Set, given in memory of Mohan Iype. It is so good for us to acknowledge these gifts and the generosity of the givers. Importantly, it is also a time for us to reflect on the significance of each of these gifts to our worship. Beauty, symbol and gesture are meaningful ways in which we discover, express and nourish our faith.

Scripture is full of physical objects which represent spiritual meaning in revealing the presence of the Lord and inspiring people in the life of faith. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. He spoke to Jonah from the belly of the whale. Jesus in his stories and teachings, referred to common items such as seeds, sheep, gates, yeast, light and bread to convey the truth of his message. As Anglicans, we value such gifts as architecture, music, stained glass, poetry, music and fabric. These are ways of expressing and understanding our faith. Frequently, people share with me how simply sitting in the church, gives them a sense of the presence and love of God. Let us think about these recent gifts to our parish.

There are three times when we use the Paschal candle. It is lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil service. The church is in darkness, reflecting the sorrow of the crucifixion. Into this darkness shines the radiance of the resurrection. The lighting of the large Paschal candle is an expression of the moment of life and victory. The candle is carried into the church with chanting: The light of Christ; thanks be to God! Throughout the Easter season, the candle remains at the front of the church, proclaiming to us the hope and triumph of the resurrection of Christ. The Paschal candle is also used at all baptisms. The baptismal candidate is given a candle that is lit from the paschal candle to symbolize that the light and life of Christ has been transferred through the sacrament of baptism; from God to the candidate. The third occasion in using the Paschal candle is at funerals. The candle stands at the head of the casket announcing God's promise to be faithful to us, even in death, and to guide the departed into the greater light of the paradise of God.

The book of Gospel readings we received this year is a replacement. The lectionary of scripture readings has been modified over the years and our original book was out of date. The handsome brass covering for the book did not need to be replaced. Only the book which fits into the covering had to change. The four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, describing and interpreting the life of Jesus are for Christian people, the most sacred words of Holy Scripture. The custom in our parish is to carry the gospel book from the sanctuary to the nave when it is time to read the gospel. We all stand to listen and turn to face the gospel reader. The procession of the gospel reminds us of the long journey that the words; the teachings; and accounts of the life of Jesus have taken: The significance of travelling through centuries of time; across mountains and seas; across cultures and languages, to arrive with us.

The third gift to our parish this Easter was an extraordinary set of communion vessels that were given in memory of Mohan Iype. The simple inscription on the paten and on the chalice reads: *Mohan Iype, 1942 – 2012 Devoted*



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family man, physician and layreader. Mo was well-loved by his family, his community, his parish and by the church beyond the parish. The communion vessels need little explanation as they are so familiar. They carry the holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ to the believer. In every parish, the communion vessels are among the most cherished objects of the church. In the Eucharist, as we open ourselves to receive the bread and wine, we express our common union with Christ, and with all the saints. In this moment, all the people of God, the saints on earth and the saints in heaven are connected through the living presence of our Saviour.

We are deeply grateful to receive these wonderful gifts. As we use them, may they stir within us, a living faith in the One who freely gives us life, hope and peace.

Your friend

Canon Albert

From the editor's notes ...

As parents and elders, it is not uncommon for us to expect a lot from our youth – especially when they give the impression of having it all together: A university student graduating – why wouldn't they have it all figured out? The grade 12 student headed off to university for the first time and the younger student entering middle school or high school are all examples of our youth going on to the next phase. It is natural to have expectations of these young people.

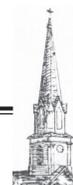
Expectations can be stressful. Yet, dealing with change and challenge can result in a natural rhythm as one sets their individual tone for the ups and downs on any given day. It is not always easy and stress will occur regardless of one's age. With these thoughts in mind, a story unfolds about dealing with stress:

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she would ask the ultimate question: "Is the glass half empty or half full?" She fooled them all. With a smile she asked: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

The responses varied in weight and as the young lady listened to the estimates, she shared: "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight. Yet, the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

The young lady's story continued: "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we are refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. Holding stress longer and better each time is practiced."

For this reason, start early in the evening, as early as you can and put your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and



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into the night. Pick them up tomorrow. Be the kind of person that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says: "Oh no! She's up!"

Now in considering that young person in your life – the one who is moving on to the next 'phase,' perhaps they can benefit from watching an adult do this. Let them know that stress is ever present. It is how they respond to their weight that will make a difference in their world and the world outside them.

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Heather White Brittain



The Holy Land

This winter I decided to go on a cruise for the first time. People asked me where I was visiting in the Caribbean. When I said that I was going to the Middle East - places like Egypt (with all its riots); Israel (not exactly a safe haven); Turkey; plus Greece (with its own money problems and demonstrations); and Cyprus (in turmoil as usual); there was dead silence. Some plainly said I was crazy. Others suggested they would double up on prayers for peace in the Middle East. However, off I went on March 26th, broken wrist and all.

My ship, the Silver Wind, left Athens on March 29th. By the way, the hotel that I stayed at in Athens was totally locked down on the 28th due to a very large demonstration - lots of security guards and riot police. I thought that perhaps the comments that people made about me being crazy might be right after all. Our first stop was set for Port Said in Egypt. However, the captain announced it would be too dangerous there. Instead, we sailed to Alexandria, Egypt. By now, I was worried that this whole adventure was not going well so far. I took a tour to Cairo to see the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Cairo is a city of 25 million people. 'Wild' is the only way to describe the traffic. Stoplights are decorations; the white line is of no importance; and the horn is to be used constantly. However, it was all worth it. I was thrilled to see the pyramids and the sphinx. The pyramid I entered was 4,020 years old, 500 meters tall, and perfectly preserved! The guide said that if you laid all the bricks end to end, they would cover the distance of the circumference of the world. It was just amazing to see and marvel at how these were built without any of our modern day machinery.

Then it was off to Ashdod, Israel, arriving in port on April 2nd. I took a two-day tour of Israel, staying at a hotel in Jerusalem for one night and picking up the ship again in Haifa. There were just seven of us in a small van with a very knowledgeable guide. Our first stop was at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. I had not wanted to go there but I am very glad I did. Most of the space is taken up with people telling the stories of their lives and their families during the war. It was very moving to see them and to hear their stories. All of us were very quiet afterwards. The next stop was the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. At this same site, there was a very large model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple time period. So I was able to see exactly where Jesus walked, slept, ate, and spoke in the temple. As I visited modern day Jerusalem, it was extremely helpful in visualizing what it was like in Jesus' time.

After lunch, we made our way to the top of the Mount of Olives. From there, I could see down the valley and up to the Old City of Jerusalem, with all its holy places. We drove down and past the Garden of Gethsemane en route to the Old City. We entered via the Jaffa Gate and walked through the Christian Quarter, the bazaar, and the Via Dolorosa. We visited the Room of the Last Supper where Jesus ate his last meal with his disciples and the descent of the Holy Spirit is thought to have taken place. We visited the golden-topped Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is perched on Golgotha Hill. This church is said to mark the site of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In the evening, we made a visit to the Western (Wailing) Wall, a place where women are not



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very welcome. I am very glad that I was able to see all these sights. However, I was not spiritually moved at all - perhaps due to the throngs of people everywhere: tour guides yelling to be heard by their clients; heavily armed soldiers every three feet and the uncertainty over whether these were the actual places where Jesus was with Muslims, Jews, and Christians, all claiming the same sites as their holy places. Throughout this, there were people hawking their wares. There was simply no time for prayer or contemplation.

The following day, we drove along the Jordan River Valley toward the Sea of Galilee. I did find this part of the tour very peaceful and spiritually uplifting. I could certainly imagine Jesus walking through the desert toward Jerusalem. We stopped at the place on the Jordan River (really the size of a creek) where Jesus was baptized by John. Many people from around the world come to this site to be baptized. Hyssop is for sale in the shop, while the passage from the Bible telling the baptism story is told on marble plaques written in a hundred or more languages. It is a beautiful and tranquil site.

Next, we travelled along the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. This is considered the centre of Jesus' ministry while he was living in this area. There is a large statue of Peter and the remains of what is purported to have been his mother's house. Here, there are also the remains of houses, shops, and a temple where Jesus may have taught. On our drive to Newalla, we could see the Mount of the Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We also passed by Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration. The last stop on our tour was Nahalal, a kibbutz town in former times. Then it was on to Haifa and our ship.

Israel is not a large country in terms of area. As our guide pointed out, you cannot drive more than five miles without seeing some Biblical site. I am very glad I went there. However, I did not have the spiritual experience that I had hoped for. Now though, I am able to visualize the physical paths that Jesus and the disciples took when I read passages from the Bible. For me, the commercialization, the throngs of people, soldiers with large machine guns, and the three religions arguing over the holy sites, made me very sad. How different this area is from the way Jesus wanted it to be.

We made a few other stops on our journey before arriving in Kusadasi, Turkey. This is the site of Ephesus, where St. Paul lived for three years in the 60s AD. At that time, Ephesus had a population of 150,000, and was a thriving city. This is where Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians and spoke to the crowds at the Grand Theatre. This theatre held 24,000 people and was used until recently. Interestingly, a few years ago, Elton John gave a concert there! I also visited the last home of the Virgin Mary on Bulbul Mountain. It is said that St. John brought Mary here in 40 AD. Beneath the house is a fountain where a sacred spring feeds three fountains, each bestowing a unique blessing upon visitors. This house was officially recognized by the Vatican in 1896.

Our last stop was in Istanbul, Turkey where there were lots of fun things to see and do. The spice markets are fabulous. The Grand Bazaar, the world's largest covered market is amazing to see and wander around. Throughout, there was time to pause and haggle with the merchants! The Blue Mosque, built during the Ottoman Empire was fascinating to see as well.

It was time to go home. I returned with a renewed appreciation for where we live. We are so blessed here. We have the freedom to worship as we wish. We are not constantly worried about our personal safety. Our country has not ever been destroyed by war. We have lots of water - something most of these countries do not have. So, let us give thanks for our many blessings.

Submitted by Judy Streeter



Summer Events in the Parish 2013

Summer and Fall Weddings 2013

June 15 th	Roxanne Gaudet and Cody Arnold <i>at Bellisle Creek</i>
July 27 th	Nalini Iype and Brian Jones
August 10 th	Erin Foote and Brendan Shea
August 31 st	Buffy Blagrove and Rob MacNeill
September 7 th	Amanda Nicholson and Steve Ewart
October 4 th	Sarah Flemming and John Phillips
October 12 th	Katelyn Dempster and Corey MacDonald
October 12 th	Stephanie Valcourt and Andrew Logan

St. Paul's and the General Synod

From July 3rd – 7th, the General Synod will gather, as it does every three years, to discuss the life of the **Anglican Church of Canada** and to establish priorities and plans for the Church. This year's gathering will be a Joint Assembly with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. The theme for the meeting is **Together for the love of the world**.

A number of special guests will contribute papers and observations. *Christopher Duraisingh* from the Episcopal School of Divinity in Cambridge, Mass., is an expert in ecumenical and Third World theology.

The Global Lutheran Church will be represented by *Mark Hanson*, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and *Martin Junge*, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.

The Anglican Communion will hear from *Katherine Jefferts Schori*, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; *Kenneth Kearon*, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, and Canadian, *Alyson Barnett-Cowan*, Director of Unity, Faith and Order, in the Anglican Communion.

The World Council of Churches is sending their General Secretary, *Olav Fykse Tveit*.

Our Diocese will send 10 members to the meeting; the Archbishop, a youth delegate, and four lay and clergy members who were elected at our last Diocesan Synod. *Ann Fairweather* and *Canon Albert* will be among the members of General Synod. This is the third General Synod for Canon Albert.

Child & Youth News!

The Child and Youth Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of Ms. Alyssa Hayter to the position of shared Youth Minister among the Parishes of Rothesay, Quispamsis and Hammond River and Gondola Point. This position will begin September 1st, 2013. Alyssa is a 2012 graduate of UNB Fredericton with degrees in Arts and Education. She has been a member of the staff of Camp Medley for six summers and is currently the Assistant Director at the summer Anglican Youth Camp. We look forward to her leadership and creativity in our ministry with our young people, children and their families.



Parish Graduates 2013

University

Joshua Cosman	B.Sc. Mount Allison University	son of Michael & Debbie
Cynthia Cudmore	B.A. UNBSJ	daughter of Connie McCauley
Brian Gilliland	B. B.A. UNB-F	son of Ross & Noreen
Joshua Mackin	B.N. UNB – F	son of Michael & Connie
Jill Rodger	M.D. Dalhousie University	daughter of Paul & Sue
Patrick Snelgrove	B.A. UNBSJ	son of Albert & Wandlyn
Erin Wood	Honours Diploma NSCC Halifax	daughter of Hadley & Liz

High School

Haley Brittain	Rothesay Netherwood School	daughter of Jim & Heather
Allison Brown	Landmark East School	daughter of Craig & Sharon
Adam Godlewski	Saint John High School	son of Marek & Debra
Margaret Irving	Saint John High School	daughter of John & Elizabeth
Alexandre Kent	Rothesay High School	son of Peter & Donna
Olamide Ojuawo	Rothesay Netherwood School	daughter of Akin & Julie
Peter Rouse	Rothesay High School	son of John Rouse & Jennifer Campion
Mitchell Walker	Kennebecasis Valley High School	son of Wayne & Trudy

Our heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates!

Choir School News

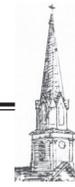
For the past fifty-five summers, choristers from around the diocese and beyond have come together for an intensive week of rehearsals: two sung services each day, along with Christian education and recreation programs. The majority of these weeks have taken place on the beautiful campus of Rothesay Netherwood School. Two public services are offered during the week. Over time, the Choir School has attracted as many as 70 juniors and 50 adults, making for a glorious sound in the final Festal Evensong with canticles, anthems, and hymns. The music directors choose music that challenges the choristers and broaden what a small parish choir might attempt.

The 56th annual Choir School runs from July 7th to 14th, 2013 once again at Rothesay Netherwood School. The Music Directors are Spencer Belyea and Christopher Lane both local musicians and well-respected. Jean Taylor acts as Registrar for the School and Robert Taylor is the Treasurer. For many years now, they have worked together to carry on a legacy that was instilled by Jean's father, the late Douglas Murray, who was a long serving organist at St. George Church in Moncton. Sherry MacPhee serves as the nurse for the week and this year, her son Rob, will be a counsellor. Her daughter, Emma is also returning for the fourth time as a chorister. Another familiar face among staff this summer will be James Snelgrove.

The Choir School will present two Evensong services during the week. The first will be held at the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield on Thursday July 11th at 7:00 pm. The final service will occur at Trinity Church in Saint John on Sunday July 14th at 3:30 pm. All are invited.

If you are interested in attending Choir School as a chorister, you can find registration brochures on the lobby table. Some financial assistance from the Parish may be available. Please contact the undersigned if you have questions.

Submitted by Jean and Robert Taylor



Some Upcoming Dates for your Calendar

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| Sunday, September 8 th 10 am | Sunday School Opening Service & Registration |
| Sunday, September 22 nd , 10 am | Back to Church Sunday
This year we will be joining forces with St. David's United Church and OLPH Roman Catholic Church in promoting this international day of encouraging people to return to Church and worship. |
| Sunday, November 17 th , 10 am | Confirmation
Archbishop Miller will be visiting the Parish for the purpose of Confirmation. Classes for youth in Middle School and older - will begin in September. If there is interest, adult classes will also be held in the fall. If you have questions or want to express your intention to prepare for Confirmation please notify the Parish Office stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com or 847-1812. |

Milestones in the Parish

BAPTISMS

Wendy (Wengin) Wang
 Daughter of Wang Zhaoqi and Cao Ai Ying
March 30th, 2013

Alana Kelly Parker
 Daughter of Kristopher & Kelly Parker
April 14th, 2013

Charlotte Linda Rose Correia
 Daughter of Cory & Rebecca Parker
April 14th, 2013

Oceana Capris Brown
 Daughter of Matthew Brown and Tiffany Morris
June 2nd, 2013

Quinne Grace Keyes Hanson
 Daughter of Bliss & Beth Hanson
June 2nd, 2013

Robert William Papenhausen
 Son of Quentin & Theresa Papenhausen
June 2nd, 2013

THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

The Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove
May 4th, 2013
 St. Paul's Church, Rothesay



FUNERALS

Florena Pearl Moore
March 23rd, 2013
 Service: March 27th, 2013

Andrew Thomas McGregor
April 18th, 2013
 Service: April 26th, 2013



About the Body, Soul & Spirit

Did you know that human beings are the only living species made up of body, soul and spirit? Our bodies are our physical beings which both plant and animal life possess. We make our bodies happy with essentials like grooming, exercise, clothing, food and shelter.

Our souls are our personality; our character traits including our likes and dislikes which animals also have. We make our souls happy with material goods; relationships; and enjoyment from the things we do.

Our Spirit is that part of us which has the ability to question the deeper, eternal things of life such as: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I headed? You will not find a cat questioning the purpose of life or a dog wondering about his future. The point is that most people feed their bodies first; their souls second; and their spirit last. We have it all backwards.

To feed our bodies and souls first, we are feeding the temporal things of life which leaves us dependent upon ourselves and very often leads to dissatisfaction and emptiness. It is when we feed our spiritual side first - when we reach outside ourselves to something much bigger, that we are feeding the eternal. Spiritually discovering this: we are here to be reconnected to God and to live for his glory.

It is in seeking the truth and seeking God first that Jesus tells us: "All things will be given to you." This is what leads to the true and lasting happiness which God intended for us.

(Excerpts from "The Living Truth" by Charles Price)

Submitted by Shirley Jobe

I Have Seen the Lord

Where the mist rises from the sea,
Where the waves creep upon the shore,
Where the wrack lifts upon the strand,
I have seen the Lord.

Where the sun awakens the day,
Where the road winds on its way,
Where the fields are sweet with hay,
I have seen the Lord.

Where the stars shine in the sky,
Where the streets so peaceful lie,
Where the darkness is so nigh,
I have seen the Lord.

The Lord is here,
The Lord is there,
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high,
The Lord is low,
The Lord is on the path I go.

*David Adam
Tides and Seasons Modern prayers in the Celtic tradition*